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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A reinforcing tape that includes a ply of longitudinal, aramid-, glass- or carbon-based high-tenacity yarns bound together by weft yarns, which tape includes two thermoplastic films, each placed on a respective different side of the ply of high-tenacity yarns[.];

the tape being flexible to allow the tape to be wound around, and to conform to a shape of, an object to be reinforced, said ply of yarns configured to reinforce the object when the tape is wound around the object.
2. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein each thermoplastic film adheres to a respective different side of the ply.
3. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two thermoplastic films are bonded together along edges of the tape.
4. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ply of longitudinal yarns is capable of sliding inside a sheath formed by the two thermoplastic films.
5. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein each film has ultraviolet radiation blocking properties.
6. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 2, wherein the longitudinal yarns are bound together by at least partly thermoplastic weft yarns.
7. ***(Previously Presented)*** The reinforcing tape as claimed in claim 6, wherein thermoplastic material of the weft yarns and material of the films are similar.
8. ***(New)*** The reinforcing tape of claim 1 wherein said thermoplastic films avoid penetrating into the ply of high-tenacity yarns.
9. ***(New)*** A system for reinforcing a structure which includes the tape of claim 1 and further includes a second reinforcing tape having a second ply of longitudinal high-tenacity yarns and two thermoplastic films, each placed on a respective different side of the second ply of high-tenacity yarns, and wherein said ply and said second ply avoid contact with each other, said ply and second ply being

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separated from one another by at least one film of the thermoplastic films of the first tape and at least one film of the thermoplastic films of the second tape.